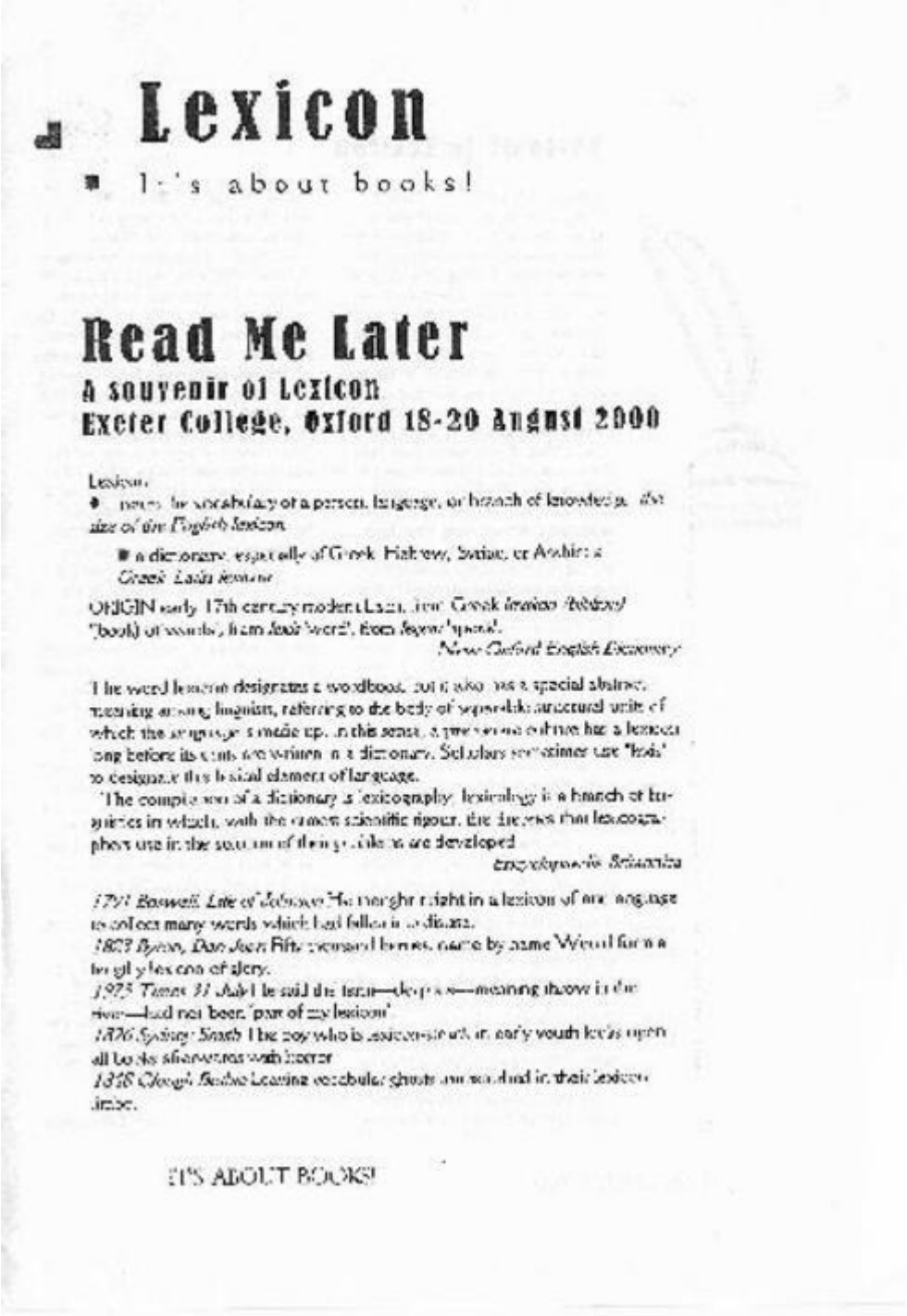

Lexicon

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Lexicon

- noun: the vocabulary of a person, language, or branch of knowledge: *the size of the English lexicon*
- a dictionary, especially of Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, or Arabic: *a Greek-Latin lexicon*

ORIGIN early 17th century: modern Latin, from Greek *lexikon (biblion)* 'book) of words', from *lexis* 'word', from *legein* 'speak'.

New Oxford English Dictionary

The word lexicon designates a wordbook, but it also has a special sense, meaning among linguists, referring to the body of superlative structural units of which the language is made up. In this sense, a speaker of one tongue has a lexicon long before its units are written in a dictionary. Scholars sometimes use 'lexis' to designate this lexical element of language.

The compilation of a dictionary is lexicography. Lexicology is a branch of linguistics in which, with the utmost scientific rigour, the techniques that lexicographers use in the compilation of their guidebooks are developed.

Encyclopædia Britannica

1791 Boswell, Life of Johnson He thought right in a lexicon of our language to collect many words which had fallen into oblivion.
1803 Byron, Don Juan Fifty thousand heroes, each by name / Would fill a tolerable lexicon of fame.
1975 Times 31 July He said the term—deep six—meaning throw in the sea—had not been 'part of my lexicon'.
1876 Spring Smith The boy who is lexicon-stricken in early youth leaves open all to his shortcomings with horror.
1818 Clough, Bothie Learning vocabular ghosts unmarshalled in their lexicon limbo.

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